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CASTING METHOD USING THE IMMERSION NOZZLE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants respectfully submit that each item contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication dated July 6, 2007 from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, therefore, no fee is required.

It is noted that prior art references JP6218508 and JP200325048 which are cited on the communication have been previously cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application on July 14, 2006 therefore they are not included with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,  
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